

Minutes of the
DESY Customer Meeting
Held at CMS, April 26, 2005

Attendees: Phone/Video: Amy Zambrowski (Mathematica), Elizabeth Axelrod, ResDAC, University of Michigan, Jennifer Rickrode, and Bob Bandzwolek

CMS: Barbara Roth, Ray Semega, Pamela Pope, Alberta Dwivedi, Rosemary Thommen, Brian Baranoski, and Russell Hendel.

VIPS: Randall Hudson, Heather Steger, Chris Knott, and Cheryl Mitchell

Opening Statement

Barbara Roth ran the meeting and provided the following highlights:

Operations

- o Status of DESY request processing:
 - o 54 NMUD requests completed this week.
 - o SAF requests are running quickly.
 - o NMUD has a backlog due to the DB2 moves; system constraints, and waiting for the completion of the NMUD load.
- o Informed Users of additional factors that will impact DESY system processing:
 - o System maintenance schedule for the weekend of April 30, 2005.
 - o NMUD load is scheduled to begin on or about May 13, 2005.
- o Appealed to the user community to enter SAF requests if possible to assist with the NMUD backlog.
- o If a SAF request is entered to replace and previous NCH request, please CANCEL the earlier request.
- o If users find that they no longer need the request, please cancel the request as this will improve the over turnaround within the application.
- o The next big initiative is MBD access through DESY.
- o List of items for mini releases prior to MBD:
 - o Finder File Limit - system check to prevent finder file containing more than 3 million records.
 - o Dropped Record issues:
 - * OUTD file on separate volser for foreign media files.
 - * Add option to front-end to receive or not receive the dropped record file.
- o The DESY request form still needs to be filled out & submitted. For external users, it is used to give DESY access for specific DUAs.

Questions

Q: How long is it currently taking for MEDPAR requests to complete in DESY?

A: The turn around is fairly quick. The MEDPAR jobs normally run during the weekends and whenever NMUD is loading. This timeframe is similar to that of DENOM and Name/Address and Vital Stats.

Q: What is the latest available year for MEDPAR?

A: The 4th quarter 2004 is the latest available year currently available in DESY.

Q: Is Fiscal and Calendar data years available for MEDPAR in DESY?

A: Yes.

Q: When is the MEDPAR file considered 100% complete?

A: Barbara Roth thought it was three years but she will confirm and send an e-mail to the meeting attendees.

Q: Alberta and Pam are having problems getting to the DESY URL. What should they do?

A: Barbara Roth stated to type "desy" in the address window and hit enter. The DNS name will automatically update to the production URL address. This only works for CMS internal users.

Q: During the March 29th meeting, a chart/grid was asked to be created showing when the dropped records file is produced and when Final Action is performed on a request?

A: The chart was not completed in time for this meeting, but Barbara Roth will send the information to the DESY user via e-mail.